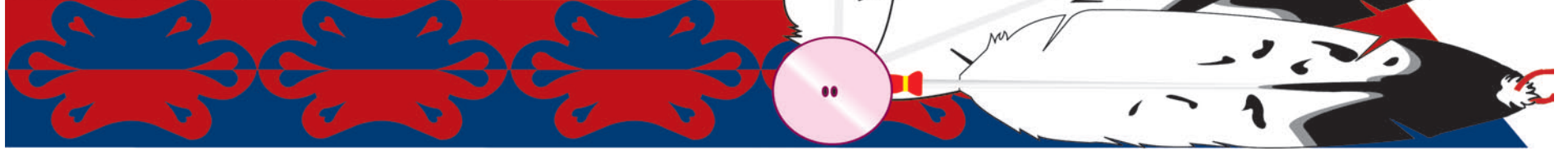


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Traditional Talent Night Pageant for Miss Menominee Nation & Junior Miss Menominee Nation

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On the evening of Thursday, July 31, 2003 at 6:00 p.m. candidates for the Miss Menominee Nation and Junior Miss Menominee Nation came together to participate in the Traditional Talent Night Pageant at the Menominee Casino-Bingo-Hotel.

The initial introduction of contestants was made by master of ceremonies, Joey Awonohopay.

The evening's opening prayer was offered by Ron Corn, Jr.

There were two contestants for Miss Menominee Nation. They were: Miss Pamela Jo Waukau-Waupenewkiw, "Little School Lady" and Miss Mary Kay Waupoose.

Candidates for Junior Miss Menominee Nation numbered six. They were: Miss Namatin Weso, Miss Aryn Jo Grignon, Miss Shanae Long, Waupanokiwi, "Morning Lady", Miss Samantha Pocan, Aseni, "Angel", Miss Shanice Peters, Kohkahmahsokapon, "The Rainbow After the Storm" and Miss Kaylene Tucker, Ced'de.

The evening was shared by the Miss Menominee Nation and the Junior Miss Menominee Nation candidates. The program included a public speaking competition between the two Miss Menominee Nation candidates and a traditional talent competition for all contestants.

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Menominee Pow-wow Draws Top Dancers



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Dancers came from all around to enjoy the annual powwow. Above dancers participate in an intertribal dance. Right-This year's new Miss Menominee Nation Princess Mary Kay Waupoose takes time out to smile for the camera.



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The Menominee Fairgrounds was bustling with activity on Friday afternoon as dancers set up camp and began dressing for the first Grand Entry of the 36th Annual Menominee Nation Contest Pow-wow. Over 300 dancers registered for the competition dancing that would highlight the events for the week-end of August 1st, 2nd and 3rd.

The beat of the drum brought people down from the audience to participate in the inter-tribal dancing throughout the weekend. Dancing to the awesome tunes of Midnight Express, Smokeytown, Battling Bucks, Pipestone Creek,

among other drums.

On Friday evening, the Menominee Nation Princess contest was the highlight of the evening activities. Each contestant participated in a traditional talent contest which took place at the Casino on Thursday night. Essays, interviews, and dancing were also judged to determine points. Raffle tickets were sold which earned the girls points.

The new Menominee Princess, Mary Kay Waupoose, won the award for best public speaking while first runner-up, Pam Waukau, won the plaques for both best essay and best interview. Dennison Tsosie, Navajo and a famed silversmith, made the new crown of silver which

Mary Kay will wear this year on her journey to represent the Menominee Nation.

Shanice Peters, the new Jr. Miss Menominee Nation, won the trophy in the Jr. Miss category for best dancer. Namatin Weso will serve as first runner-up. Samantha Pocan won the trophies for best essay and best interview.

Each category of traditional, grass, jingle dress, fancy shawl, and fancy dancing had an exhibition dance for each of the four sessions, with top prize money going to the men's and women's traditional categories at \$1,000 each.

See additional photos and list of winners on pg14-15

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